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Brendan Auman has been a public servant for 8 years and is currently an Economic Development Consultant with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) where he manages the Commonwealth's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, partners with the Eastern and Western PA Continuums of Care (COC) as their Collaborative Applicant, and manages the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for four COCs in the Commonwealth. Brendan has a commitment to supporting those in need through strategic partnerships and planning to ensure that no one is unhoused and able to live a sustainable life.

Felicia Campbell has a vast background in Communications. At WITF public television in Harrisburg, PA, she collaborated with production to craft amusing promotional breaks to ensure audience flow. Transitioning to a corporate Event Manager role with D&H Distributing, her team of planners created engaging events. As Marketing Manager for the COSTARS Program, she uses her engagement experience to enlighten COSTARS program participants on the benefits of this Commonwealth program.



Ben Cattell Noll is an on-call homeless services consultant with ICF International and stay-at-home Dad to his 4-year-old daughter and 6-month-old son. Throughout his career, Ben has worked in a variety of roles in homeless services including serving as a permanent supportive housing case manager and assistant director for a rapid re-housing program in Washington, DC and as a technical assistance specialist with the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Now he provides technical assistance to HUD grantees across the country, including several across Pennsylvania, helping them effectively implement Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) programs in their communities. He also serves on the board of a homeless services non-profit organization, Bridge of Hope. Ben lives in the city of Lancaster, PA.

Sarah Renee Coder is a young professional currently working as an Economic Development Analyst at DCED. Previous positions include Program Coordinator for the Bellefonte Art Museum and Enrollment Service Specialist at Penn State University. Sarah is excited to work with HUD's HOME Program to implement affordable housing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Education: Masters of Public Administration with Graduate Certificates in Human Resources and Public Budgeting, Penn State Harrisburg.

DCED hired **Brandon Durbin** in August 2022 to help with the implementation of the HOME-ARP program. Brandon is one of their employees writing HOME-ARP guidelines, answering questions related to the program, and will be one of the Grant Managers once applications open. He holds a M.A. in History from James Madison University, along with a B.A. in History and a B.A. in Economics from Washington & Jefferson College.



J. Michael Edwards

2008 - Present: Executive Director, Connellsville Redevelopment Authority
Oversees the Community Development Block Grant program for the City of Connellsville
Identifies and Solicits Foundation Grants
Responsible for the financial condition of the Authority
Raised funding for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Connellsville

2010 - Present

Serves on the Board of the Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce, currently Vice President



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President, Founder, Fayette County Cultural Trust, 501 (c)(3) non profit

2006- Present

Works with Executive Director to manage and plan programs

Identifies and Solicits Foundation Grants

Oversees memorial and endowment fund development

1987-2005 Independent Business Owner, Catering, Antiques and Art

1987 – BA in Philosophy from St. Charles College, Philadelphia

Donna Enrico, is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Planning.

She started her career as a housing rehabilitation specialist working for a third-class City in one of the most distressed counties in Pennsylvania, administering the federal CDBG Program and Rental Rehab Program at the local level. This tenure with the Redevelopment Authority included position of Rehabilitation Director, Labor Compliance Officer, and Assistant Director of the Redevelopment Authority prior to heading to Harrisburg to work for the Commonwealth's then Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Donna has worked for the Department of Community and Economic Development for 30+ years and has dabbled in all aspects of the HUD funded programs including administering and managing the federal CDBG, CDBG Disaster Recovery, CDBG Cares Act, HOME, NSP 1 & 3, and ESG programs. Her responsibilities have varied throughout her tenure covering all aspects of the administration and management of these federal programs. In 2008 – 2009, she had conceptualized moving from internal paper documentation and reporting working with a team to develop the Center's current Grants Management System referred to as the Federal Electronic Tracking System. Currently she has oversight of the annual CDBG program, the Neighborhood Stabilization program, 3 allocations of Disaster Recovery program funds, the CDBG Cares Act funding, the Recovery Housing Program funds and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds for infrastructure projects that are awarded to the Commonwealth.

She is married with two children. Lives in Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County. Loves gardening and is looking forward to warm sunny days.

Alyssa Feher has over ten years' experience serving low-income Pennsylvania clients in various state and federal programs. Her background includes human resources, program implementation and management, service delivery improvement, and grant compliance. Alyssa most recently worked for the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities as the Homeless and Special Needs Grants Manager. While there, she oversaw grant management of various federal, state and local grants while ensuring compliance with funding requirements. In her current role, Alyssa is a HOME-ARP grant manager at DCED. Alyssa holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Shippensburg University and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Mansfield University.



Stacia-Fe Gillen has worked with the CDBG program since 2020. She began her involvement in community development in 2020 as the CDBG administrator for Huntingdon County. She joined the DCED team as a grant manager in 2022. She lives in Huntingdon with her husband, Ben, and enjoys kayaking, gardening, hiking, and learning about Pennsylvania's wildlife.



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Since May 2021, **David Grey** has served as the Chief of Compliance and Technical Services for the Center for Community and Housing Development. Prior to assuming this role, he worked as a Grant Manager in the CDBG Program and CDBG-DR Program at DCED since 2013. Through his work on the CDBG-DR Program, Dave served as the team lead for the buyout program.

Before joining DCED, Dave worked at SEDA-COG from 2011 until his departure in 2013, as a Project Coordinator overseeing the CDBG Program for several local grantees within the SEDA-COG region. He worked on a variety of projects such as a small stormwater management improvement project in McNett Township, Lycoming County, neighborhood revitalization in Lewisburg Borough, Union County, and a \$15 million flood mitigation project in Mount Carmel Borough, Northumberland County.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Elizabethtown College and a Master of Public Administration from Penn State University. Dave resides in Elizabethtown, PA with his wife and daughter.

Sarah Gulick is an Economic Development Consultant with DCED. Sarah has been with the Department for five (5) years. Prior to joining DCED, she worked at PennDOT for 12 years in communications and state grants.

In her spare time, Sarah is usually at the baseball or soccer field watching her kids play or volunteering her time with the local youth sports organizations.



Christopher Gulotta served as Executive Director of the Redevelopment and Housing Authorities of Cumberland County for thirty years until his retirement in November 2010. As Executive Director, Mr. Gulotta oversaw the Authority's community development and affordable housing initiatives. In December 2010 Mr. Gulotta formed The Gulotta Group, LLC a firm specializing in training, technical assistance, and strategic planning for community development and housing organizations. Since 2010 the firm has served over 50 clients including the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, Housing Authority of Northumberland County, McKean County Redevelopment and Housing Authorities, Clearfield County, Lehigh County, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, PA State Association of Boroughs and Pennsylvania Economic Development Association.

Mr. Gulotta has also been an adjunct professor at Dickinson College and the Masters Program in Urban Studies at Eastern University.

Mr. Gulotta is a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, the Pennsylvania State Harrisburg Masters Degree Program in Urban and Regional Planning and the Dickinson School of Law.

Stacy Hawthorne is a Program Manager with the Department of Community and Economic Development. Stacy is part of the Homeless Team within the Center for Community and Housing Development where she serves as point of contact for the Emergency Solution Grant program. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program is a federal program that provides the needs of homeless people in emergency shelters and people who are looking quickly to gain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Stacy has an extensive history providing assistance to eligible participants or grantees that receive ESG funds.

Stacy has over 30 years of professional service with the Commonwealth joining the Department of Community and Economic Development in 1998.



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Matthew Heckles was appointed as the Regional Administrator of HUD's Mid-Atlantic region in February 2022 and is responsible for the oversight and delivery of HUD programs and services throughout Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia. He serves as HUD's liaison to elected officials, congressional delegations, city managers, stakeholders, and customers.

Prior to joining HUD, he served as the Assistant Secretary and Director of the Community Development Administration at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. In this capacity, he oversaw a range of operations and services from the administration and financing of single-family mortgage and multifamily development financing to housing rehabilitation and local government infrastructure programs. Most recently, his efforts centered on COVID-19 relief programs that offered forbearance for small businesses as well as tenant and homeowner assistance. Matthew Heckles worked in various positions at the Delaware State Housing Authority for more than 12 years before his work in Maryland.



Helen Kelly is a consultant with Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc. (DMA) and serves clients throughout the country with their capacity building needs and technical assistance. She specializes in grant writing, Continuum of Care (CoC) operations, and Shared Housing. She earned an MPA from West Chester and is now in seminary pursuing a Masters in Christian Ministry. Prior to working at DMA, Helen developed a housing unit in her county and specialized in design and implementation for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), CoC, Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), and PHARE programming, as well as Coordinated Entry design.



Helen Klinger has extensive work experience in Fortune 500, Public and Non-Profit organizations. Career accomplishments include a series of broad and diverse professional positions including roles of: Systems Engineer; Business System Analyst; Internal Auditor and Economic Development Analyst. Proud to work alongside PA government as a grant manager in implementation of affordable housing solutions for the HUD HOME Program. Bachelors of Business Administration, Penn State.



Ed LeClear is the Planning and Community Development Director for the Borough of State College. Prior to joining the Borough, Ed was the Community Development Director for the Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities and a Community Planner with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. He began his career in downtown revitalization working for the Pennsylvania Downtown Center. A native of Northeast Ohio, Ed received his B.A. from Miami University (OH), a Master of Science in Urban Studies from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and a Master of Regional Planning from Cornell University. Ed is a member of the of American Institute of Certified Planners and a Board Member of 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association, for which he serves as Chair of the Legislative Committee.

Hello, I am **Wendy Leslie**, the Community Development Block Grant Administrator for the County of Butler. I currently work in the Economic Development and Planning Department and have been administering the CDBG program for 17 years. I have successfully run a plumbing contracting business with my husband for the last 34 years, hold a degree in Computer Informations, volunteered in the Cub Scouts, PTO, and the local humane society. (I LOVE dogs!) I Love to travel and I am most proud of my two grown sons and their achievements, and I have 3 beautiful grandkids!



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Jennifer Lopez is the Chief Executive Officer of Friends Association for the Care & Protection of Children, a 200-year-old organization focused on addressing the challenges of housing equity while providing programs and services that support families on their journey toward stable, permanent housing.

Prior to joining Friends, Lopez served the Chester County community for three decades in the Probation & Parole Department where for eleven years she served in the role of Deputy Chief of Probation, Parole, and Pretrial Services administering programs serving over 10,000 justice-involved individuals, leading 115 staff members with oversight of a \$8 million budget. In 2014,

Lopez spearheaded the creation of the Women's Reentry Assessment and Programming Initiative (WRAP), which earned the Top 25 Program Award at Harvard University's John F Kennedy School of Government. Jennifer implemented trauma informed practices in probation, parole and pre-trial services and grew a body of knowledge around implementing trauma informed care. She provides trainings and is a featured speaker both locally and nationally on trauma, justice-involved women, and family homelessness.

Ms. Lopez is a member of the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee and Criminal Justice Advisory Committee at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; the Chester County Women's Commission; and is Chairperson for the Governance Board of the Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness. She is a recipient of Caron Foundation's Community Service Legal Professional award for her work with the Chester County Treatment Courts.

As Chief Executive Officer at Friends, Lopez started and expanded the Chester County Eviction Prevention Court, opened the County's first Safe Home for women impacted by incarceration, and secured and managed a \$1M renovation, that includes trauma-informed design, of the agency's aging emergency housing property. Lopez earned a BA in Spanish and International Studies from Kutztown University.

John McLaughlin is a Program Analyst in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Philadelphia Regional Office, within HUD's Office of Field Policy and Management. John has served in the Philadelphia Office since 2019. He has supported a wide variety of HUD initiatives from COVID-19 outreach to vouchers for foster youth to climate resilience to broadband access. For several years, he has served as the HUD Mid-Atlantic subject matter expert on the Section 3 workforce obligation, responding to hundreds of grantee compliance inquiries and conducting in-person and virtual trainings across the Region.



Stephanie Meyer (she/her) serves as Special Assistant to Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Acting Secretary Val Arkoosh, with a focus on housing, homelessness, and health partnerships. She is the Secretary's designee on the board of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, as well as the Eastern Pennsylvania Balance of State Continuum of Care. She has held previous roles with the Pennsylvania Senate and Allegheny County Department of Human Services in Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Coordinated Entry, and Continuum of Care homeless response system program administration. As a licensed social worker and University of Pittsburgh alumni, she is committed to ensuring our Pennsylvania neighbors and communities have access to housing and services to support their health and well-being.

Jody Michael has been an Administrative Officer with the DCED Center for Community and Housing Development since 2009. Jody joined DCED in 1998 and worked in various positions mostly in the Executive Office. Two of Jody's most notable accomplishments were coordinating the move of the Department from the Forum Building to the Keystone Building in 2000 as well as her most recent accomplishment, the development and deployment of AppC-Reporting/Monitoring Tool. Jody lives in Manheim, PA with her husband and they have two children, Tanner and Lauren.



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Robert 'Ian' Miller is a resident expert on Pennsylvania CDBG survey design and implementation. Prior to joining the DCED CDBG team 7 years ago, Ian specialized in HUD compliance and training for Paulus and Associates. He also previously worked in survey design and methodology for Penn State Hershey Medical Center's Psychiatry and Internal Medicine Departments. Ian is a Aquarius. He has two cats and a wife, Michelle with whom he resides with in Cumberland County.

As a professional planner with over a decade of experience, **Zach Norwood** serves as the Planning Director for Crawford County's Planning. Prior to his role in Crawford, he worked across all sectors of the profession. Zach's passion for community planning and development was cultivated through his public sector work, specifically with county governments. Creating and implementing multiple planning documents, his ability to "connect the dots" has led to an increase in grant awards and results on the ground in Crawford County.

In his current role, Zach is tasked with operational oversight and administration of the County's planning agency. He quickly realized that a major factor limiting the agency was capacity gaps and failing systems. Through addressing these issues, the County's community development division has increased its annual grant management from approximately \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 per year. The division oversees the CDBG program for all 51 communities in Crawford County and directly works with local leaders and elected officials to implement community desires expressed in plans. Through streamlined and standardized operations, Zach and his staff have leveraged digital and paper resources to increase the agency's efficiency and effectiveness.

Zach holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from the Knowlton School of Architecture at the Ohio State University and B.A. in Environmental Geography from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He holds multiple leadership roles in organizations across the Commonwealth and northwest region such as the PA APA, County Planning Directors Association of Pennsylvania, and the Northwest Transportation Advisory Committee.



Jessica Perry is the Director of Development for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). At PHFA she manages multifamily development functions related to both the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program and PHFA's loan resources. Prior to PHFA, Jessica spent 20 years working for the City of Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority in various housing development roles including serving as the Director of the Residential Lending Department as well as Director of the Housing Opportunity Fund, Pittsburgh's first local housing trust fund. In those roles, Jessica created and administered both Single-Family and Multi-family programs and managed Federal funding sources such as HOME and Community Development Block Grants

(CDBG). She also has served as a member of several preservation working groups and initiatives. She believes passionately that the development of affordable housing can help to provide safe, affordable, and equitable housing to the Commonwealth's residents and also serve as a catalyst for development of Pennsylvania's neighborhoods and communities.

Jessica holds a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University with a concentration in Urban Economic Development and a Bachelor of Science Degree with a dual major in Business Administration and Religion from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Jessica serves as an adjunct professor of Affordable Housing Policy and Finance at Carnegie Mellon University. She has also presented at numerous conferences across the country including events sponsored by the American Planning Association, the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies, Grounded Solutions, the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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Kimberly Polm began her career at DCED in early 2006. She started as an Economic Development Analyst working in numerous programs over the years – HOME, CDBG, NSP, HPRP, ESG and other special interest grants and across the Commonwealth. She became the HOME Program Manager in January 2020 and HOME ARP was added to her charge in 2021.

Prior to working at DCED, Kimberly worked in local government administering federal, state, institutional and private grants for Northumberland County for a few years.

She resides in Pottsville, Schuylkill County with her husband, Chris and their two fur babies, Ace and Banner.



Teri Provost is the Chief of the SEDA-COG Community Services Division. The Community Services Division (CSD) encompasses SEDA-COG's Community Development, Flood Resiliency, Housing Rehabilitation, and Community Revitalization programs. Provost worked in SEDA-COG's Community Development Program for 9 years before becoming the Director of Housing Rehabilitation and Flood Resiliency. Throughout her 16-year career at SEDA-COG, she has prepared numerous grant applications and has proficient experience with Federal Emergency Management Agency and Housing and Urban Development programs. On November 9, 2022, Teri was appointed as a Member of the Pennsylvania Housing Advisory Committee, this appointment

is set to run until November 9, 2024. Provost has been a member of The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) since 2018 and serves as the Chapter District 2 Director. This position has a 2-year term. She also served as past chair of the Pennsylvania Association of State Floodplain Managers (PAFPM) board. Her board appointment was from January to December 2022. Before this appointment, Teri held the Vice Chair position with PAFPM from January to December 2021.

Provost has also developed and managed public works projects throughout the central Pennsylvania counties served by SEDA-COG. Additionally, she is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and has administered several state- and federally-funded buyouts and residential elevation projects in flood-prone communities. Provost earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Clarion University in 2002.

Amanda Beth Riehl is a Economic Development Analyst within the Center for Community and Housing Development in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED). Amanda works with the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), which provides shelter and housing to those experiencing homelessness and those who are likely to lose their current residence, and the PA Balance of State Continuums of Care (CoC), which is a collective of organizations focused on preventing and ending homelessness in PA's rural counties by using regionally coordinated resources and practices.

Prior to working with PA DCED, Amanda was a retirement specialist with the State Employee's Retirement System. Amanda has earned a Master of Public and International Affairs, with a concentration in Human Security, from the University of Pittsburgh. In free time, Amanda enjoys participating in environmental stewardship and travel.



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As Senior Planner for State College Borough, **Maureen Safko** administers the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs, and oversees administration of the Borough's various affordable housing initiatives including: acquisition and rehabilitation for low and middle income first time homebuyers and tenants, housing rehabilitation and the Borough's inclusionary housing ordinance.

Maureen earned a degree in Public Administration from Juniata College and has over 25 years of experience as a community development planner and practitioner in rural Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and enjoys serving as a board member of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.



Dr. Joe N. Savage, Jr. is a recognized leader with over 25 years of experience in the fields of homelessness, social policy, economic development, and human services administration. His prior work experience encompasses positions in which he was responsible for overseeing transitional and permanent supportive housing programs, Continuum of Care funding, strategic planning, and coalition building. His passion for this work has cultivated years of skills and expertise that have helped bring over \$150 million of funding to support housing and services for the homeless and community development projects. Joe's commitment to this work is rooted in his belief in the dignity of human life. Dr. Savage holds bachelor's degrees in neuroscience and

religious studies from the University of Pennsylvania. He received master's degrees in social work and urban planning from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in legal studies from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, and a Ph.D. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware. Additionally, Dr. Savage has his Executive Certificate in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



Gale Schwartz is the Associate Director, Policy and Programs for the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania. She engages the diverse membership of the Housing Alliance to advocate for programs and resources to expand the supply of affordable housing, solve homelessness, and prevent eviction at local, state, and federal levels. In recent years, her work has focused on promoting promising practices for landlord engagement, eviction prevention and diversion, and emergency rental assistance. In addition, she develops ongoing educational content for the Housing Alliance webinars and annual Homes Within Reach conference. Prior to joining the Housing Alliance in 2013, Gale was a frontline worker in the behavioral health and early childhood development fields. She has a Masters in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.

Brad Shover is the Director of Compliance Monitoring at the Department of Community and Economic Development for the past 13 years and spent the first 10 years at the Commonwealth as an auditor in Comptroller Operations. He earned a bachelor's degree in Public Accounting from Penn State University. His role at DCED is to provide sub-recipients guidance with accounting for its Federal funding.

Ryan Stannard is a Program Analyst with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Pittsburgh Field Office where he supports the day-to-day functions of the office, handles resident inquiries, and promotes agency initiatives. Ryan came to Pittsburgh after completing his Peace Corps service in Thailand in 2016 where he served as an ESL education volunteer. He earned a Master of International Development from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Prior to joining the team at HUD in 2022, he began his federal employment with Peace Corps as a Regional Recruiter based in Pittsburgh and covered Western PA and West Virginia.



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Angela Susten has over 20 years of experience working in housing and homeless assistance programs in both Pennsylvania and Georgia. She began her career in Lancaster, PA as a Case Manager working with literally homeless households in procuring permanent housing. Her time in this position ignited a passion for the work and with the belief that Housing is a Human Right, has pursued opportunities over the years that allowed her to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness. In her current role as Director of the Center for Community and Housing Development at the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development she oversees the Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, PA Balance of State Continuum of Care, PA Homeless Management Information System, and the Recovery Housing Program.

Angela lives in Ephrata, PA with her husband Scott, daughter Isabelle, and two cats Pumpkin and Everest.



Michael C. Szupper is HUD's Region III Relocation Specialist (Philadelphia, PA). He serves as the Mid-Atlantic area's principal point of contact concerning matters involving the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) as well as section 104(d) of the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act. He has also held positions within the Department as an FHA Multifamily Housing Development Representative, a Community Builder, CPD Representative as well as an FHA Realty Specialist. In addition to his 34 years of service at HUD, Michael has worked as a Community Development Specialist for the City of Reading, PA and was the Executive Director of the Bucks County Housing Development Corporation. He has degrees in Geo-environmental Studies (BA - Shippensburg State College) and Geography (MA - Bowling Green State University) and has attended executive sessions at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs.



Starting in 2019 as a Community Development Specialist, **Samantha Travis** is the current Deputy Director for the Crawford County Planning Office. In her role in the County's planning agency, she oversees the facilitation and administration of multiple grant funding sources, including CDBG, ARC, Act 13, and the Whole Home Repair Program. As a second-career professional, Samantha began the journey into planning after earning a Bachelor's in History at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 2016 and Master's in Historic Preservation from Goucher College in 2019. She enjoys bringing a unique perspective to resource management and community development to Crawford County Planning Office through forward-thinking program and policy development. When not at work, Samantha enjoys frequenting the many small businesses in her hometown of Meadville, PA, with her husband and teenaged son, and visiting her two college-aged daughters in Ohio and Massachusetts.